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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To provide an image recording apparatus and an image recording method which can restrain occurrence of an ink stain and achieve reduction of time for printing in the case of both-side recording. The apparatus includes a setting unit for variably setting a length of time between an end of recording on a first recording side (surface) of a recording medium and a start of recording on a second recording side (reverse side) of the recording medium in accordance with image data for recording on the first recording side of the recording medium.